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NEWS FROM McCLELLAN'S ARMY.

ADVANCE OF THE REBELS IN FORCE

They are Promptly Met by the Union Forces and Retire.

SHARP SKIRMISHING ALONG THE LINES,

See

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, June 22, 1862.

A QUIET SABBATH.

The news "remonstrants here have not had their usual Sunday service." The hotels even have not had their ordinary amount of caravans. Everybody seemed to be waiting for something serious and real, and so sure it would come to manufacture a bogus report.

THE TAX BILL.

The report of the Conference Committee on the Tax bill will be made to-morrow. It will become a law within twenty-four hours afterwards, and all doubt of the maintenance of the public credit will be removed.

OFFICERS OF THE UNION ARMY ABSENT OR LEAVING.

Attention has been called to the immense number of officers from various divisions of the army now present in this city on leave. They throng the hotels, promenades and drives. They are found congregated, by scores, in disreputable places and engaged in amorous, hardly befitting men of high character and noble impulses, such as should characterize officers of the American army. It is strange that so many officers who should be loitering amidst the dissipations of the capital, while almost every division of the army is in active service, and most of them in the face of an enemy, with battle daily imminent. The attention of the Secretary of War has been called to this subject, and measures will probably be taken without delay to correct what is becoming a serious evil.

THE SUPERVISION OF PRISONERS FOR WAR.

According to a general order, the superintendence of prisoners of war, sent by generals commanding the field to posts or camps prepared for their reception, is placed entirely under Col. William Hoff Carr, Third Infantry, Commissary General of Prisoners, who is subject to the orders of the War Department. All matters in relation to prisoners will pass through him. He will establish regulations for issuing clothing to prisoners, and will direct a master in which all funds arising from the rations of rations as prison hospitals, or otherwise, shall be accounted for, and disbursed by the regular disbursement offices of the Department, in providing under existing regulations such articles as may be about necessary for the welfare of the prisoners. He will also provide for the wants of prisoners for prison camp, and will cause plans and estimates for the necessary buildings to be prepared and submitted to the Quartermaster General, upon whose approval they will be erected by officers of the quartermaster's department. He will, if practicable, visit the several prisons once a month. Loyalty citizens who may find themselves among the prisoners of war, or who have accusations, or the like, may make their complaints to the Commissary General, who will submit them to the Adjutant General. The Commissary General is authorized to grant passes to citizens for re-inspection of the medical officer attending the prisoners, in case of ex-cesses, under other circumstances.

ARMED VESSELS CAPTURED.

The York City of the Sea, on the 18th inst., captured the rebel steamer Mary Clewett, from Nassau, while at anchor in front of the blockades of the Santa Cruz river, South America. Her cargo consisted of three hundred and fifty barrels of salt and sundry other articles. This steamer formerly belonged to Governor Wm. Aiken, of South Carolina.

THE BLOCKADE OF THE RIO GRANDE.

OUR MEXICAN CORRESPONDENCE.

BARK MIDNIGHT, off Matamoras, May 1—1862.

French and English Ships—The Texan to Distract the Blockade of the Texas Coast—Shall Voyage to Matamoras—In the Colonies of the Rebels Gato de Marca, etc.

In the latter part of March two frigates arrived on the Rio Grande, one English, the other French, and assisted the commander of our blockading ship that they could not recognize any blockade of the mouth of that river unless the whole Texas coast of the same was closed and guarded. At that time there were twelve loaded vessels lying outside which had been prevented from discharging their cargoes. They all reported they were bound to Matamoras, which was only a sham. By this time no doubt their cargoes are safely landed in Texas and the vessels loaded again with cotton. So you will see the sooner the western part of Texas is taken possession of the bators, for the whole coast of the State will easily find an outlet that way. A large proportion has already been sent off.

Medical Staff of the Army of the Potomac.

WAMMAMON COV., June 19, 1862.

You are detailed for duty with the Army of the Potomac, as Medical Director. In making this assignment I have been governed by what I conceive to be the best interests of the service. Your energy, determination and faithful discharge of duty in all the different situations in which you have been placed during your service of thirteen years determined me to do this for you. In no mere arduous, responsible and trying position you have yet occupied.

On the eve of your departure I desire to place before you some of the main points which should engage your attention—

You should satisfy yourself that the medical supplies are proper quantity and of good quality, and that each regiment has its full allowance; and you will have the sick: medical officer a strict accountability for every article. The time has passed when the expense of the service must be paid by the government.

Second—You will instruct the officers of the Quartermaster's Department your necessities in regard to transportation, and communicate freely with the General commanding relative to those things which are able to be done.

Third—You will require all medical officers to be as attentive and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and you will report monthly to the General commanding, and to the Adjutant General.

Fourth—You will, in conjunction with Assistant Surgeon-General, United States Army Medical Director of Transportation, arrange for the most effectual, comfortable and speedy transports of sick and wounded men, and of supplies, to and from the seat of war, and to the rear, as far as possible, without delay.

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